(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any other date for the meeting has been fixed; and

(f) if the meeting took place, the details of the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Shri Basudeb Acharia and two other persons met the Minister of Railways on 2-8-91 in this regard.

(b) He was advised to discuss the matter further on some other date but no date was fixed.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) Not, yet, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Representation by Loco Running Staff Association

1729. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 3rd August, 1991 from All India Loco Running Staff Association, about the problems facing the Loco Running Staff on Railways.

(b) if so, the details of the problems; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to solve the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demand relates to reinstatement of railway employees.

(c) The issue is under consideration of the Government.

PF Account Slips to contract Workers

1730. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the PF annual Account Slips have not been furnished to about 800 contract workers working in Salurry Pond of Dugda Coal Washery, Bihar since last 11 years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to furnish Provident Fund annual account slips to the said workers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAM SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Representation from Ex-workers in Iraq

1731. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation dated the 15th July, 1991 has been received by Government from Ex-workers of M/s Anice Construction Service Ltd Iraq;

(b) if so, what are their grievance; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redress their grievance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAM SING GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The grievance relates to non-settlement of dues of the workers for their work in Iraq.

(c) The firm has taken the stand that since they have not received payment from Iraq they were not in a position to pay the workers. Ministry of External Affairs is intervening with the Government of Iraq as best as possible in the prevailing circumstances.

Legislation to prevent mining of stone and other minerals

1732. SHRI GAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating a legislation to prevent mining